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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its December, 2007 meeting, the Board of Regents took the following action relative to the aforementioned academic program:

The Board of Regents receives the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Audiology Program at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Progress reports addressing the successful recruitment of additional full-time faculty as required by previous Regents' action shall be due to the Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs beginning June 1, 2008 and every six months thereafter until necessary.

In particular, the Regents have previously required the LSUHSC-NO to hire one, new Ph.D.-qualified faculty and one, new Aud.D.-qualified faculty to staff the program

On June 1, 2008, the campus submitted the required progress report.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The LSUHSC-NO reports that a new Ph.D.-qualified Assistant Professor was hired in January, 2008. In addition, two M.S.-qualified faculty are currently working toward their Aud.D. degree.

Other positive news include:

1. the recent graduation of the inaugural class of 7 Aud.D.s; and
2. Opening the competition of intermural research grants to Allied Health faculty beginning this upcoming academic year, which should help promote a grater culture of research productivity and scholarship throughout the College of Allied Health professions.

STAFF SUMMARY

The LSUHSC-NO continues to make progress toward fulfillment of previous Regents' stipulations of approval. It remains for the LSUHSC-NO to augment its current Aud.D. faculty with one new, AuD.D.-qualified faculty member.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the June, 2008 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Science Center-New Orleans relative to implementation of the Doctor of Audiology program. As previously required, the LSUHSC-NO shall submit another progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic relative to the engagement of one, new Aud.D.-qualified faculty to adequately staff the program. This report shall be due December 1, 2008.